



THE GREAT
SALT LAKE
NATURE CENTER
at
FARMINGTON BAY

Great Salt Lake Nature Center - Volunteer Opportunities

Below is a list of areas where volunteers can offer assistance. The categories correspond with the options on the volunteer application form on page 2. Please review these broad descriptions and then check those of interest to you on the application. Within some of the listed categories are a variety of options, but many opportunities exist and can be tailored to fit your talents and skills.

Benefits of volunteering include learning from experienced naturalists, meeting new people, gaining personal growth, building your resumé, learning more about our connection with the natural world, having fun and contributing valuable expertise. Come get involved with the Great Salt Lake Nature Center at Farmington Bay!

Fieldtrips/school programs – We need people to help lead wetland fieldtrips for youth groups. The nature center receives numerous requests for fieldtrips during the spring and fall months and the demand is growing. No experience is needed—just a willingness to learn, interact with kids, and share knowledge, appreciation and respect for the natural world.

Nature center facility host – Currently the nature center is not open on weekends. Visitors have expressed interest in having the wetlands learning center and exhibit/display rooms open on Saturdays and Sundays. To provide this opportunity, we need people willing to host on weekends. This involves opening and closing the facilities, answering questions from the public, giving directions, providing trail maps, etc.

Child and family programs – There is interest in additional programming for families at the nature center. For example, we could possibly offer a regular tot and parent program for young children. Plus, it would be great to develop new programming for varied age groups/grade levels. Any skills in development or implementation of projects like this would be useful.

Wetlands educational programs – We would like to offer an assortment of public events such as winter wetland snowshoeing, wildlife photography programs, birding walks/basic bird identification sessions, wetland plant ID walks, star-gazing, geo-caching, etc. Assistance in developing such events would be of value.

Scout programs – Scouts always want to come to the Great Salt Lake Nature Center to meet requirements of various scout patches and badges. If you are interested in leading walks for scout groups and/or assisting with the development and implementation of wildlife-related merit badge classes, there is a need for your help. There is also a need for help with promoting and coordinating potential Eagle Scout projects at the nature center.

General support – If you would like to assist with general activities, some areas that need assistance are: creating/updating educational displays, running miscellaneous errands, helping keep the facilities clean, feeding and cleaning live animal aquariums, updating birds on site lists, maintaining and replacing fieldtrip equipment, etc.

Artwork/graphic design – We often need artwork for displays, teaching visual aids, interpretive panels, signage, the website, etc. If you have skills in this area, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Maintenance work – There is always a need for maintenance, such as boardwalk repairs, exotic weed removal, sign installation, snow shoveling, painting, cleaning the facility and pest control. Occasional woodworking skills come in handy for miscellaneous projects on site. We also need assistance with construction and trail improvement projects.

Special events – It would be great if the nature center could offer more special community events throughout the year. If you are interested in assisting with the creation, publicity or implementation of community events such as a

Photography – Now and then we need various photos for displays, the website, brochures, etc.

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Mail to: Diana Vos
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1594 W. North Temple, Ste. 2110
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

or Drop off at: Great Salt Lake Nature Center
1700 W. Gloves Lane
Farmington, UT 84025

Email as an attachment to: DianaVos@utah.gov

Date:	Home phone:
Name:	Other phone (please specify):
Address:	Email:
City, state, zip:	Parent or guardian name (if under 18)

- 1) Briefly describe any work you have done with the general public.**

- 2) Briefly describe your background, interest and experience with natural history and the environment.**

- 3) Do you have any previous volunteer experience? If so, please summarize.**

- 4) What are your goals or reasons for wanting to volunteer for the nature center?**

- 5) How did you learn of the volunteer opportunities at the nature center?**

4) What skills/interests would you like to share as a Nature Center volunteer? (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Good with children | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching experience | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/historical knowledge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research experience | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Biology/ecology/zoo/ogy experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outgoing/enthusiastic | <input type="checkbox"/> Event organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Community outreach and involvement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

5) Please check the Volunteer Category(ies) with which you might be willing to help (see attached descriptions):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldtrips/school programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Special events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature center facility host | <input type="checkbox"/> General support | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodworking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's and family programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Artwork/graphic artist | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands educational programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance work | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |

6)	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
What days, times & how often are you available?							

Note: Because of a high level of contact with children and the public, for certain volunteer positions, we may need to conduct an official criminal background check.